has been taken to restate the policy of the Government on certain questions affecting the uplift of the depressed classes in the following terms:—

"The Government desire to reiterate that there is no statutory bar against the Depressed classes using the public streets, roads, wells, etc. The attention of the heads of departments is, in this connexion, invited to sections 180-A, 227-A and 259 of the Madras District Municipalities Act, 1920, sections 157-A and 167 of the Madras Local Boards Act, 1920, and to G.O. No. 2660, L. & M., dated the 25th September 1924, in which the Government accepted a resolution of the Legislative Council to the effect that there is no objection to any person or persons belonging to any class or community walking through any public road, street or pathway in any town or village and that there is no objection to any person belonging to the Depressed classes having access to the premises of any public office, well, tank or places of public resort or to places and building where public business is transacted in the same manner and to the same extent as persons belonging to the community of caste Hindus."

G. T. H. Bracken,
Chief Secretary.

Appendix III.

[Vide answer to question No. 50 asked by Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 1st August 1933, page 81 supra.]

Statement showing the number of Sub-Inspectors and Deputy Superintendents of Police selected since January 1932.

Community.	Sub-Inspectors.	Deputy Superintendents of Police.
Non-Brahmans	15	1
Muhammadans	7	1
Anglo-Indians, Christians or Non-Asiatics	7	1
Brahmans	6	..
Depressed classes	4	..
Total ..	39	3

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APPENDIX IV.

[Vide item II at page 82 supra.]

BILL No. 25 OF 1931

A Bill further to amend the Madras District Municipalities Act, 1920, and the Madras Local Boards Act, 1920, for certain purposes.

To

THE HONOURABLE THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE GOVERNOR OF MADRAS.

WE, the undersigned members of the Select Committee appointed to consider Mr. Birley's Bill to amend the Madras District Municipalities Act, 1920, and the Madras Local Boards Act, 1920 (Bill No. 25 of 1931), have the honour to submit the following report.

2. The Bill was published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* in English on the 17th November 1931.

3. We met on the 7th and 10th February 1933 at the Committee Room, Fort St. George, for the consideration of the Bill, and on the 10th March we passed our report.

4. We are satisfied that it is necessary to place a maximum limit on the amount of licence fee leviable by local bodies on motor vehicles plying within their territorial limits. After considering various alternative suggestions and the recommendations made by the Special Committee appointed by the Local Government to consider the subject of taxation of motor vehicles in this province, we have arrived at the following decisions:—

(*i*) As regards motor vehicles carrying passengers for hire, we think that the rate of fee should be fixed with reference to the number of passengers exclusive of the driver and the conductor, which the motor vehicle is intended to carry. In the case of district municipalities, we consider that annas twelve per seat for each quarter or portion thereof of a year, would be a reasonable maximum. In the case of district boards, we consider that Rs. 7–8–0 would be a reasonable maximum.

In the case of motor vehicles which are to be used for hire within the jurisdiction of more than one local body the following principles will apply:—

(*a*) Every district municipality will be entitled to levy a fee on a motor vehicle in accordance with the

rates prescribed by the regulations in force in the municipality whether the motor vehicle which is licensed by it is used for hire within the limits of any other local body or not;

(*b*) where a motor vehicle is used for hire within the limits of more than one district, the district board to which an application for licence is first made will be entitled to levy the full licence fee payable under its regulations. We have made it obligatory that an application for licence should first be made to the district board of the district in which the motor vehicle is garaged;

(*c*) where an application for a licence in respect of a motor vehicle has already been made to one district board and a subsequent application for licence is made to the district board of another district, the latter will be entitled to levy only two-thirds of the licence fee payable under the regulations in force in its area less one-third of the licence fee already paid to the district board to which the first application was made. The first mentioned district board will pay one-third of the licence fee collected by it to the other district board. Every district board to which a subsequent application for licence is made can levy two-thirds of the licence fee payable under its own regulations.

(*ii*) As regards lorries, we think that a distinction should be made between a lorry plying for hire and one not plying for hire. With reference to the latter, both in the case of municipalities and in the case of district boards a fixed fee of Re. 1–4–0 per quarter should be levied and this fee should be payable to every local body within whose area it is used. In the case of a motor lorry plying for hire, we consider that a fee graduated in accordance with the unladen weight of a motor vehicle will be the proper fee. The rates which we have fixed will be found in the body of the Bill annexed. If a motor lorry plies for hire within the jurisdiction of more than one local body, the fee will be regulated in accordance with the procedure prescribed for vehicles carrying passengers for hire.

5. The subject of licence fees leviable by local bodies on motor vehicles is one of great difficulty, but we consider that the proposals we have embodied in the Bill are as satisfactory as any that can be devised.

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6. A copy of the Bill as amended by us is enclosed.

7. We consider that it is necessary to republish the Bill.

ABDUL HAMEED KHAN.
R. RANGA RAO (Hon. the Raja of Bobbili).
E. CONRAN SMITH.
F. G. LUKER.
F. BIRLEY.
SAMI VENKATACHALLAM CHETTI.
BASHEER AHMED SAYEED.
T. M. MOIDOO.
B. P. SESHA REDDY.
* B. MUNISAMI NAIDU.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
10th March 1933.

* Subject to a note.

Note.

I am in favour of the principle of the Bill. But I think the rates proposed as maxima should be increased.

B. MUNISAMI NAIDU.

[Changes made by the Select Committee are shown in clarendon type.]

A Bill **further** *to amend the Madras District Municipalities Act, 1920, and the Madras Local Boards Act, 1920,* **for certain purposes.**

BILL No. 25 OF 1931.

[As amended by Select Committee.]

WHEREAS it is expedient **further** to amend the Madras District Municipalities Act, 1920, and the Madras Local Boards Act, 1920, **for the purposes hereinafter appearing;** It is hereby enacted as follows:— Madras Act V of 1920. Madras Act XIV of 1920.

1. **(1)** This Act **may** be called the Madras District Municipalities and Local Boards (Amendment) Act, **1933.** Short title and commencement.

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(2) It shall come into force on such date as the Local Government may, by notification in the "Fort St. George Gazette," appoint.

Amendment of section 174-A, Madras Act V of 1920.

2. In section 174-A of the Madras District Municipalities Act, 1920—

(i) sub-section (5) shall be omitted and sub-section (4) shall be renumbered as sub-section (5); and

(ii) for sub-sections (2) and (3), the following sub-sections shall be substituted, namely:—

"(2) The Municipal Council may, with the previous approval of the Local Government, make regulations specifying the fees on payment of which, and the other conditions (including the rates of fares for passengers and of freight for goods which may be charged) subject to which, such licences may be granted.

(3) The fees chargeable under sub-section (2) shall not exceed the following maxima, namely:—

(a) in the case of a motor vehicle carrying passengers for hire.	twelve annas per seat (excluding the seat for the driver and the seat for the conductor for each quarter or portion thereof;
(b) in the case of a motor lorry not plying for hire.	one rupee four annas for each quarter or portion thereof; and
(c) in the case of a motor lorry plying for hire—	
(i) not exceeding 30 cwt. in weight, unladen.	twenty-five rupees for each quarter or portion thereof;
(ii) exceeding 30 cwt. but not exceeding 50 cwt. in weight, unladen.	thirty rupees for each quarter or portion thereof;
(iii) exceeding 50 cwt. but not exceeding 70 cwt. in weight, unladen.	forty rupees for each quarter or portion thereof;

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(iv) exceeding 70 cwt. in weight, unladen.	fifty rupees for each quarter or portion thereof; and
(v) additional fee chargeable in respect of such lorry if it is used for drawing trailers.	ten rupees for each trailer for each quarter or portion thereof.

Explanation.—The expressions 'quarter,' 'trailer' and 'unladen weight' in this sub-section shall have the same meaning as in the Madras Motor Vehicles Taxation Act, 1931. Madras Act III of 1931.

(4) Licences may be granted for one or more quarters at a time, provided that the period shall in no case extend beyond the expiry of the year to which it relates."

Amendment of section 166, Madras Act XIV of 1920.

3. In section 166 of the Madras Local Boards Act, 1920—

(i) sub-section (6) shall be omitted and sub-section (5) shall be renumbered as sub-section (6);

(ii) for sub-sections (2), (3) and (4), the following sub-sections shall be substituted, namely:—

"(2) The district board may, with the previous approval of the Local Government, make regulations specifying the fees on payment of which, and the other conditions (including the rates of fares for passengers and of freight for goods which may be charged) subject to which, such licences may be granted.

(3) The fees chargeable under sub-section (2) shall not exceed the following maxima, namely:—

(a) in the case of a motor vehicle carrying passengers for hire.	seven rupees eight annas per seat (excluding the seat for the driver and the seat for the conductor, if any), for each quarter or portion thereof;
(b) in the case of a motor lorry not plying for hire.	one rupee four annas for each quarter or portion thereof;

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(c) in the case of a motor lorry plying for hire—	
(i) not exceeding 30 cwt. in weight, unladen.	one hundred rupees for each quarter or portion thereof;
(ii) exceeding 30 cwt. but not exceeding 50 cwt. in weight, unladen.	one hundred and ten rupees for each quarter or portion thereof;
(iii) exceeding 50 cwt. but not exceeding 70 cwt. in weight, unladen.	one hundred and twenty rupees for each quarter or portion thereof;
(iv) exceeding 70 cwt. in weight, unladen.	one hundred and sixty rupees for each quarter or portion thereof; and
(v) additional fee chargeable in respect of such lorry if it is used for drawing trailers.	twenty-five rupees for each trailer for each quarter or portion thereof.

Explanation.—The expressions 'quarter,' 'trailer' and 'unladen weight' in this sub-section shall have the same meaning as in the Madras Motor Vehicles Act, 1931. Madras Act III of 1931.

(4) The following special provisions shall apply in respect of the licence fees chargeable under sub-section (2) for motor vehicles to be used for hire within the limits of more than one district:—

(i) There shall be paid to the district board of the district in respect of which the application for licence is first made, the full licence fee payable under the regulations of that district board.

Explanation.—Where the motor vehicle is garaged in one of the districts, the application for licence shall first be made to the district board of that district.

(ii) There shall be paid to the district board of the district in respect of which the application for licence is next made, two-thirds of the licence fee payable under the regulations of that district

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board, diminished by one-third of the licence fee paid to the district board of the district referred to in clause (i).

(iii) The district board referred to in clause (i) shall pay one-third of the licence fee received by it under that clause to the district board of the district referred to in clause (ii).

(iv) There shall be paid to the district board of every other district two-thirds of the licence fee payable under the regulations of the district board of such district.

(5) Licences may be granted for one or more quarters at a time, provided that the period shall in no case extend beyond the expiry of the year to which it relates."

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